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October, 1966

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BOROUGH OF CARDIGAN

MAYORS

1965/66

1966/67

Councillor W. A. Jenkins

Councillor Britt Griffith

Committees dealing with Public Health Matters:

(a) Public Health Committee 16 members

CHAIRMAN

1965/66

1966/67

Councillor T. James

Councillor R. L. Peregrine

(b) Housing Committee 16 members

CHAIRMAN

1965/66

1966/67

Councillor I. J. C. Radley

Councillor I. J. C. Radley

(c) Plans Committee 16 members

1965/66

1966/67

Alderman A. Thomas

Councillor W. A. Jenkins

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of
Cardigan Borough Council.

PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the year which ended on the 31 December, 1966. I was happy to commence duties as your Medical Officer of Health during the last quarter of 1966.

The number of live births registered during the year was seventy two, representing an increase of twenty one over the figure for the previous year. There was one registered stillbirth, and one infant died during the first week of life. No other deaths were registered during the first year of life. No woman died as a result of pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

The number of registered deaths was sixty two, a decrease of eight from the figure for 1965. Twenty three people died of heart disease, nine of 'stroke' and seven of cancer.

There were no unusual outbreaks of infectious disease during 1966. As in 1965 only one new case of tuberculosis was notified, and no one died of the disease.

A more detailed account of the work of the Public Health Department, including a comprehensive section prepared by the Public Health Inspector, will be found in the following pages.

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At Faer, Henaduriaid ac Aelodau Cyngor
Bwrdeisdref Aberteifi.

RHAGAIR

Yr oeddwn yn hapus i ddechrau ar y gwaith fel eich Swyddog Iechyd Meddygol yn chwarter olaf 1966, a chaf y pleser yn awr o gyflwyno Adroddiad yr Adran Iechyd Cyhoeddus am y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben ar 31 Rhagfyr, 1966.

Cofrestrwyd saith deg dau o fabanod a anwyd yn fyw yn ystod y flwyddyn; un ar hugain yn fwy na'r nifer am y flwyddyn flaenorol. Cofrestrwyd un marw-anedig a chofrestrwyd un baban a fu farw yn ei wythnos gyntaf. Ni chofrestrwyd un marwolaeth arall yn ystod y flwyddyn gyntaf. Ni bu farw un fenyw am ei bod yn feichiog, ac ni chafwyd un marwolaeth ar enedigaeth na thrwy erthyliad.

Cofrestrwyd chwech deg dau o farwolaethau; wyth yn llai na'r flwyddyn gynt. Cyfrif clefyd y galon am dri ar hugain o'r marwolaethau hyn, y strôc am naw a'r cancr am saith.

Ni chafwyd clefydau heintus anarferol yn 1966. Cafwyd ond un achos newydd o'r darfodedigaeth ond bu farw neb o'r clefyd hwn.

Ceir manylion pellach o waith yr Adran, ynghyd a rhan eang a baratowyd gan yr Archwiliwr Iechyd Cyhoeddus yn y tudalennau canlynol.



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VITAL STATISTICS

		<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
1.	<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>			
	Total	66	51	72
	Leg:	60	48	67
	Illeg:	6	3	5
	Rate per 1,000 population (crude)	17.4	13.2	18.7
	Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	19.5	14.8	20.9
	Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales .. .	18.5	18.1	17.7
	Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	9.1	5.9	6.9
2.	<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>			
	Total	2	2	1
	Leg:	2	2	1
	Illeg:	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	29.3	37.7	13.7
	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths England & Wales	16.3	15.8	15.4
3.	<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS</u>	68	53	73
4.	<u>PERI-NATAL DEATHS</u> (Stillbirths plus early neo-natal deaths)			
	Total	4	2	2
	Leg:	4	2	2
	Illeg:	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	58.8	37.7	27.4
5.	<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS</u> (deaths under one week)			
	Total	2	0	1
	Leg:	2	0	1
	Illeg:	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 total live births	30.3	0	13.9
6.	<u>NEO-NATAL DEATHS</u> (deaths under four weeks)			
	Total	2	0	0
	Leg:	2	0	0
	Illeg:	0	0	0
	Rate per 1,000 total live births	30.3	0	0

	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
7. <u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (total deaths under 1 year)			
Total	2	0	1
Leg:	2	0	1
Illeg:	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live births	30.3	0	13.9
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	33.3	0	14.9
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	0
8. <u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> (including abortion)			
Number of deaths	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	0	0	0

DEATHS

Total	55	70	62
Rate per 1,000 population (crude)	14.5	18.2	16.1
Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted)	13.2	16.5	14.5
Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales	11.3	11.5	11.7

Area comparability factor for births	1.12	1.12	1.12
Area comparability factor for deaths	0.91	0.91	0.90

POPULATION STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	4,928
Population (census 1961)	3,789
Population (Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Population for 1966)	3,850

CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Registrar General's Code Number</u>	<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Number of deaths</u>		
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	1	1
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	4
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	6	9
18	Coronary disease, angina	9	2	11
19	Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
20	Other heart disease	5	7	12
21	Other circulatory disease	1	3	4
22	Influenza	1	1	2
23	Pneumonia	2	-	2
24	Bronchitis	2	1	3
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	2	-	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	3	7
33	Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
34	All other accidents	-	1	1
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide & operations of war	-	-	-
TOTAL:		33	29	62

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary)	..	..	..					Nil
Encephalitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Erysipelas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Food poisoning	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Meningococcal meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Paratyphoid fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Pneumonia (acute primary & acute influenzal)	..							Nil
Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Relapsing fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Scarlet fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Smallpox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

AGE GROUP	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 +	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH
SERVICES IN THE AREA

These remain essentially the same as in previous years, and are under the control of the County Council.

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL
ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action was required to be take under this section during the year.

W. J. St E-G. RHYS
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR
THE YEAR 1966

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

1. WATER

The Borough derives its mains water supply from two local sources, Crugefa and Bryn. These sources are augmented by the Teifi Pools supply. All supplies are chlorinated. The Water Board completed the following new works during the year:-

1. New Reservoir commissioned;
2. 230 yards of 4" A.C. mains laid in Priory Street;
3. 110 yards of 3" A.C. mains laid in Cnwcy-dintir Housing Site;
4. 110 yards of 3" A.C. mains laid in Gordon Terrace.
5. 265 yards of 3" A.C. mains laid in Cnwcy-dintir Housing site for Borough Council;
6. Contract awarded for new Depot.

22 No. properties were connected to the Water Board mains in 1966.

The following details are supplied by the Water Board :-

- (a) The water supply of the area has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.
- (b) 59 No. samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

56 No.	-	excellent
3 No.	-	unsatisfactory

In addition 18 No. samples were taken of the Cwmdegwel source and all were excellent.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There is no public swimming bath in the Borough.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Routine maintenance work was carried out during the year to all existing sewers. The work consisted mainly of maintenance of flap valves to the main sewer outfalls. Considerable time was also spent on the maintenance of a number of storm water culverts.

During the year, sections of 9" foul sewers in Napier Street and College Row were relaid and additional manholes provided.

The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal within the Borough are considered adequate - built-up parts being served by a water carriage system whilst outlying dwellings are served by septic tank.

A number of meetings were held with the Cemaes Rural District Council when agreement was reached on a joint sewage disposal scheme. The Council's consulting engineers have reported on the question of a combined treatment works for Cardigan and St. Dogmaels to meet the River Authority requirements.

The scheme briefly provides for four small pumping stations to be built at the existing outfalls. The sewage will undergo partial treatment at a disposal works on land forming part of Old Castle Farm, Cardigan. The influent will pass through comminutors, circular mechanically desludged sedimentation tanks constructed in duplicate - and discharge below low water level into the Afon Teifi.

The scheme details together with estimated capital cost of the works and maintenance charges are now to be submitted to the Welsh Office, Ministry of Housing and Local Government for outline approval.

Greenfield Square Redevelopment

Demolition of sub-standard properties required for the municipal car parking area commenced in March and the complete redevelopment scheme was completed by June. The scheme included providing a culvert for a section of the Mwldan Brook which was a source of nuisance for many years due to depositing of garbage and refuse.

3. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The town is served by public conveniences sited at :-

Market Yard (rear of Guildhall)
Chancery Lane
Feidrfair
Bath-house car park
Victoria Gardens
Bridgend

The Council considers that the conveniences situated in the Market Yard are not satisfactory. The accommodation is inadequate and the conveniences are particularly prone to vandalism. It is proposed that, subject to a site being made available, new conveniences be erected adjacent to the Greenfield Square car park. The new toilet block would incorporate the latest devices including anti-vandalism fittings.

4. POLLUTION OF RIVERS ETC.

Despite informal notices the practice of depositing refuse along various watercourses persisted, and in November the Council resolved that proceedings be instituted against any person depositing refuse in contravention of Section 92 of the Public Health Act, 1936. The depositing of refuse was prevalent along the river bank at Gloster Row, Cardigan, and in Cwmdegwel, St. Dogmaels.

5. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

A number of dwellings were converted to a water carriage system during the year.

A number of dwellings were also provided with bathrooms and facilities for the disposal of waste water - the work in most instances being grant aided under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 as amended by House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, Housing Act 1961, and Housing Act 1964.

During the year, a number of improvements were carried out to sanitary accommodation in catering establishments and also in licenced premises. The work was required in order to comply with the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955.

6. PUBLIC CLEANSING

Street Sweeping

The highways are now cleansed daily by means of a mechanical road sweeper. The Council Housing Estate roads are cleansed once weekly by the machine. This has led to a considerable improvement in the appearance of highways and estate roads. A contribution to the cost is made by the County Council in respect of the trunk and classified roads.

Trade refuse

A charge of £3. 0s. 0d. per annum is now made for collection of trade refuse, in accordance with the provisions of Section 73 of the Public Health Act 1936. It is estimated that 703 tons of trade refuse (paper and cardboard) were collected from business premises during the year. Trade refuse is disposed of by incineration.

Refuse Disposal

The service is covered by direct labour over the whole of the Borough and mechanical transport is used. Collection is made twice weekly in all the built-up areas and once a fortnight in the out-lying areas. This arrangement is satisfactory and the work is well organised. Despite regular collection, however, persons still persist in depositing refuse on the sides of streets and in open spaces.

The practice of depositing car bodies, particularly in the Lower Mwdan area, has become increasingly prevalent. Whilst Section 34 of the Public Health Act 1961 gives the Council power to remove from vacant sites any accumulations of rubbish (including metal) which are seriously detrimental to amenities, there remains the problem of disposal of these derelict vehicles, particularly as there is no accommodation at the Council's refuse tip site.

The Council has resolved to enforce Section 75 of the Public Health Act, 1936 requiring owners or occupiers to provide suitable regulation dustbins. All manner of receptacles are being employed and refuse and garbage is often blown about whilst awaiting collection.

In April, the owner of the land at 'Cwmprice', Verwig indicated that the agreement which permitted the Council the use of land for controlled tipping would be terminated. The site remaining available could in any case have accommodated tipping for a short period only.

A series of surveys were then carried out in order to obtain alternative tip accommodation. Planning consent was refused in respect of applications for four sites, mainly by reason that controlled tipping would be seriously detrimental to visual amenity. Objections were also raised by the South West Wales River Authority. Mechanical means of disposal were examined and rejected because of capital cost.

The position at the end of the year remained critical when it appeared that an alternative site could not be found. The position was reported to the Welsh Office, Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Department was informed that the Council was faced with withdrawing the refuse collection service.

7. HOUSING

The permanent development scheme at Maeshenffordd to replace the aluminium Bungalows was completed in April and provided 32 units of accommodation.

Work was commenced in July on the scheme to provide 22 dwellings at Crwc-y-dintir, and by the end of the year substantial progress had been made.

NATURE OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

<u>General Sanitation</u>	<u>Number of Visits</u>
Drainage	261
Offensive Trades	4
Caravans, etc.	21
Factories	6
Bakehouses	5
Public Conveniences	32
Refuse sites and Complaints	27
Cafes and Restaurants	26
Ice-Cream Regulations	9

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACT

Houses inspected	162
Re-visits made	259

OVERCROWDING

Premises inspected	2
Re-visits made	1

NOTICES SERVED UNDER HOUSING ACTS & PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Informal Notices	12
Complied with	9
Formal Notices	4
Complied with	3

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

1. By the Local Authority	53
2. By Private Enterprise	39
No. of plans for Private Houses approved (new):	50

Building Bye-Laws

On 1st February, 1966, the Council's Building Bye Laws were superseded by the Building Regulation 1965. The regulations apply throughout England and Wales except within the administrative area of the former London County Council. Prior to 1st February, 1966, Buildings were controlled by local building bye-laws, which varied in detail from district to district.

Improvement works were put in hand on 28 Council Houses on the Greenfield Row and Ridgeway estates. The improvements provided for electrical improvements to replace gas lighting, provision of wash-hand basins, and tiled surrounds with back boiler.

The total number of Council properties at the end of the year was :-

Council dwellings	371
Council Garages	111
	<u>482</u>

Plans Approved

The following building plans were approved under the Building Regulations 1965 :-

New houses	5
New Bungalows	10
Alterations and Improvements to houses	3
Garages	2
Miscellaneous inc. shops	13
	<u>33</u>

8. HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1958 As amended by the Housing Act 1964

Section 30 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 gives the Council discretionary power to make grants up to a maximum of £400 or half the cost of approved work towards the cost of improving dwelling houses.

6 No. applications for discretionary grants were received during 1966.

9. HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959 as amended by the Housing Act 1964

Under Section 4 of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, the Council is obliged to make grants to house owners and certain leaseholders up to a maximum of £350 for installing five basic improvements, viz. bath, wash-hand basin, water closet, hot water system, and food store.

Applications were approved during 1966 in respect of 7 dwellings and grants awarded totalled £1,169:1:10.

10. DISINFECTION

Disinfection of dwellings following infectious disease was carried out in three dwellings.

11. DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation was carried out in 12 premises during the year for the eradication of bugs, cockroaches and ants.

12. PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

The Department is responsible for the licensing and supervision of petroleum storage installations. Under the above Act, no person may store petroleum spirit in excess of the quantity prescribed unless a licence has been granted by the Borough Council.

In 1966, 18 such licences were issued in respect of which fees amounting to £13:10:0 were collected.

13. SCHOOLS

The sanitary accommodation and water supply for the schools are satisfactory.

14. MORTUARY FACILITIES

The Council owns a single storey one roomed mortuary at the Cemetery. The Building is equipped with a cold water supply and lighting is by Calor Gas.

15. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council has in its employ a part-time Rodent Operator. Sewer treatment involving baiting of approximately 79 manholes, is carried out twice a year, the sewers remain almost free of infestation.

The following table shows the work carried out.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority (1)	Dwelling Houses including Council Houses (2)	All other including Business Premises (3)	Total of Col. (1) (2) and (3) (4)	(5)
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	3	1,266	543	1,812	80
2. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	-	10	11	21	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rats Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	4	3	7	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	9	6	15	-
3. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	4	20	25	49	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	1	4	4	9	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	8	4	12	-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non-Agricultural			Agricultural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses including Council Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total of Col. (1) (2) and (3)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4. Total no. of properties otherwise inspected (i.e. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	3	14	10	27	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by					
<u>Common Rat</u> Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	3	-	3	-
<u>Ship Rat</u> Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
<u>House Mouse</u> Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	4	-	4	-
5. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections (to be completed only if figures are readily available)	15	-	-	15	-
6. Number of infested properties in Section II, III, IV, treated by the L.A.	3	30	16	49	-
7. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments (to be completed only if figures are readily available)	-	-	-	-	-

16. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The above Act came into operation on 1st August, 1964. The main provisions of the Act affect the working conditions of countless people, and are concerned with overcrowding, cleanliness, temperature, ventilation, lighting, sanitary facilities, safety and noise in offices and shops. Approximately 180 premises in the Borough come within the scope of the Act.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises regis- tered during the year (2)	Number of registered pre- mises during the year (3)	Number of registered pre- mises receiving a general inspection during the year (4)
Offices	1	28	25
Retail Shops	-	50	28
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	2	2
Catering establish- ments open to the public, canteens	-	5	5
Fuel storage depots	-	2	2
TOTALS:	2	87	62

Total number of visits of all kinds to registered premises under
the Act = 212.

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Contraventions in respect of	Found
Sec. 4 Cleanliness	4
Sec. 5 Overcrowding	-
Sec. 6 Temperature	20
Sec. 7 Ventilation	7
Sec. 8 Lighting	20
Sec. 9 Sanitary Conveniences	10
Sec. 10 Washing Facilities	10
Sec. 11 Supply of drinking water	1
Sec. 12 Accommodation for clothing	11
Sec. 13 Sitting Facilities	7
Sec. 14 Seats for sedentary workers	-
Sec. 15 Eating facilities	-
Sec. 16 Floors, passages, stairs	8
Sec. 17 Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	-
Sec. 18 Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
Sec. 19 Training of persons working at dangerous machinery	-
Sec. 23 Prohibition of heavy work	-
Sec. 24 First Aid - General Provisions	14
TOTAL :	112

(C) EXEMPTIONS

1. Number of applications for exemption received Nil
2. Number granted Nil

(D) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

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Workplace	Number Reported		Total No. investi- gated	Action Recommended			
	Fatal	Non-Fatal		Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	No Action
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catering Estab- lishments, open to public, can- teens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	-	1	1	-	-	1	-

17. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Routine visits were carried out during the year to catering premises, bakehouses, and food premises under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Preliminary notices issued during the year under the Regulations were as follows :-

Protection of food from contamination	..	..	..	10
Personal cleanliness (including smoking offences)	..	..	..	8
Carrying and wrapping of open food	..	..	..	14
Sanitary accommodation	..	..	..	6
Provide wash hand basins	..	..	..	2
Provide facilities for washing equipment	..	..	..	4
Cleanse and repair food rooms	..	..	..	6
Provide first aid materials	..	..	..	8

The following details are extracted from the Register of Food Premises :

	<u>No. in Borough</u>
Bakehouses	5
Butchers	6
Fishmongers	2
Cafes	5
Factory Canteens	Nil
Fried Fish Shops	3
Grocers	22
Greengrocers	9
Hotels	8
Ice Cream Dealers	11
Ice Cream Manufacturers	1
Public Houses	13
School Canteens and Kitchens	2
Snack bars/mobile Canteens	2
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	89
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The number of visits to food premises was 93.

Adulteration of Food

The Cardiganshire County Council administers the section of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, dealing with the adulteration of Food.

Four prosecutions under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, were brought before the Cardigan Magistrates Court - details as follows :-

1. Dried Milk Products Ltd.,
Registered Office - 31 St. Petersburg Place, London W.2.

Offence: Selling for human consumption Channel Islands Milk containing less than 4 per cent Milk Fat, contrary to Regulation 4, Milk and Dairies (Channel Islands and South Devon Milk) Regulations 1956.

Decision of Court : Convicted and fined £30.

2. Rowson & Company Limited.
Registered Office- 35 Tooley Street, London S.E.1.

Offence: Selling food not of the substance demanded (Cheese containing glass), contrary to Section 2(1) and 113 (3) Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Decision of Court : Convicted and fined £30.

3. Frances Morfudd Jones, 31-32 Pendre, Cardigan.

Offence: Selling food intended for, but unfit for human consumption (sausage infected with mould) - contrary to Section 8 (1) (a) Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Decision of Court : Convicted and fined £20
Ordered to pay costs of £8. 2s. 0d.

4. Cambrian United Dairies Ltd.,
Registered Office - 47 City Road, Cardiff.

Offence: Selling food intended for, but unfit for human consumption (milk containing particles of mould), contrary to Section 8 (1)(a) and 113 Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Decision of Court : Convicted and fined £20
Ordered to pay costs of £8. 2s. 0d.

THE FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1966

The above regulations came into operation on 1st January, 1967 and apply to covered and uncovered markets, delivery vehicles, mobile shops, stalls and trading in the open air generally.

The principal requirements of the Regulations relate to :-

- (i) The cleanliness of stalls and delivery vehicles used in any food business and the equipment used therein.
- (ii) The hygienic handling of food.
- (iii) The cleanliness of persons engaged in the handling of food and of their clothing, and the action to be taken where they suffer from, or are the carriers of certain infections liable to cause food poisoning.
- (iv) The temperatures at which certain foods particularly liable to transmit disease are to be kept at markets and stalls.
- (v) The provision of water supply and washing facilities.
- (vi) The proper disposal of waste material.
- (vii) The granting by Local Authorities of certificates of exemption from certain of the requirements, with a right of appeal to a Magistrates' Court against the refusal or withdrawal of a certificate.

The Regulations particularly give a greater degree of control over mobile food sales and delivery vehicles. It will in future be necessary for stalls and delivery vehicles to be provided with wash basins supplied with hot water at a suitable controlled temperature. Sinks for washing food and equipment will also be necessary but neither of these requirements will apply if the food business consists entirely of the sale of covered food. Similarly, delivery vehicles used solely for the delivery of covered food, and bread vans will not have to be provided with these fittings if they operate from premises complying with the requirements of the General Regulations, nor will stalls have to be provided with sinks if they sell only fruit and vegetables.

The Borough Council is the enforcing Authority for the provisions of the Regulations.

18. MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1959

Inspection of dairy premises carried out in March indicated that contraventions of the above regulations existed. Remedial works were carried out following the service of informal notices. The number of dairies registered in the Borough is 4.

19. SLAUGHTERHOUSE

In June, consultations were held with Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food including the Ministry's Chief Advisory Officer on slaughterhouses when certain works of improvement to the Slaughterhouse were discussed. The improvements would provide for the following:-

1. Construction of additional covered lamb lairage to accommodate approximately 250 lambs.
2. Construction of mess-room. The existing mess-room to be used as a holding pen.
3. Provision of isolation pen for sick or casualty animals.
4. Provision of suitable storage for inedible offal and manure bay.
5. Improvements to gut room.
6. Underdrawing slaughterhall roof and laying new concrete floor.
7. Provision of hand washing facilities in slaughterhall.
8. Rendering of internal wall surfaces including lairs.

Scheme details were subsequently prepared for consideration by the Council.

The Slaughterhouse became municipally operated as from 1st July, 1966. The Council's Public Health Inspectors enforce 100% inspection of all home killed meat. Control of the slaughterhouse is now carried out by the Public Health Inspectors - whilst the day to day administration is carried out by the slaughterhouse Manager. The effect of these measures has been that it has greatly increased the efficiency of enforcement of the various Acts and orders relating to slaughterhouses.

The number of animals slaughtered at the slaughterhouse during the year were as follows :-

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No. of animals killed	1,198	173	11,831	1,778	14,980

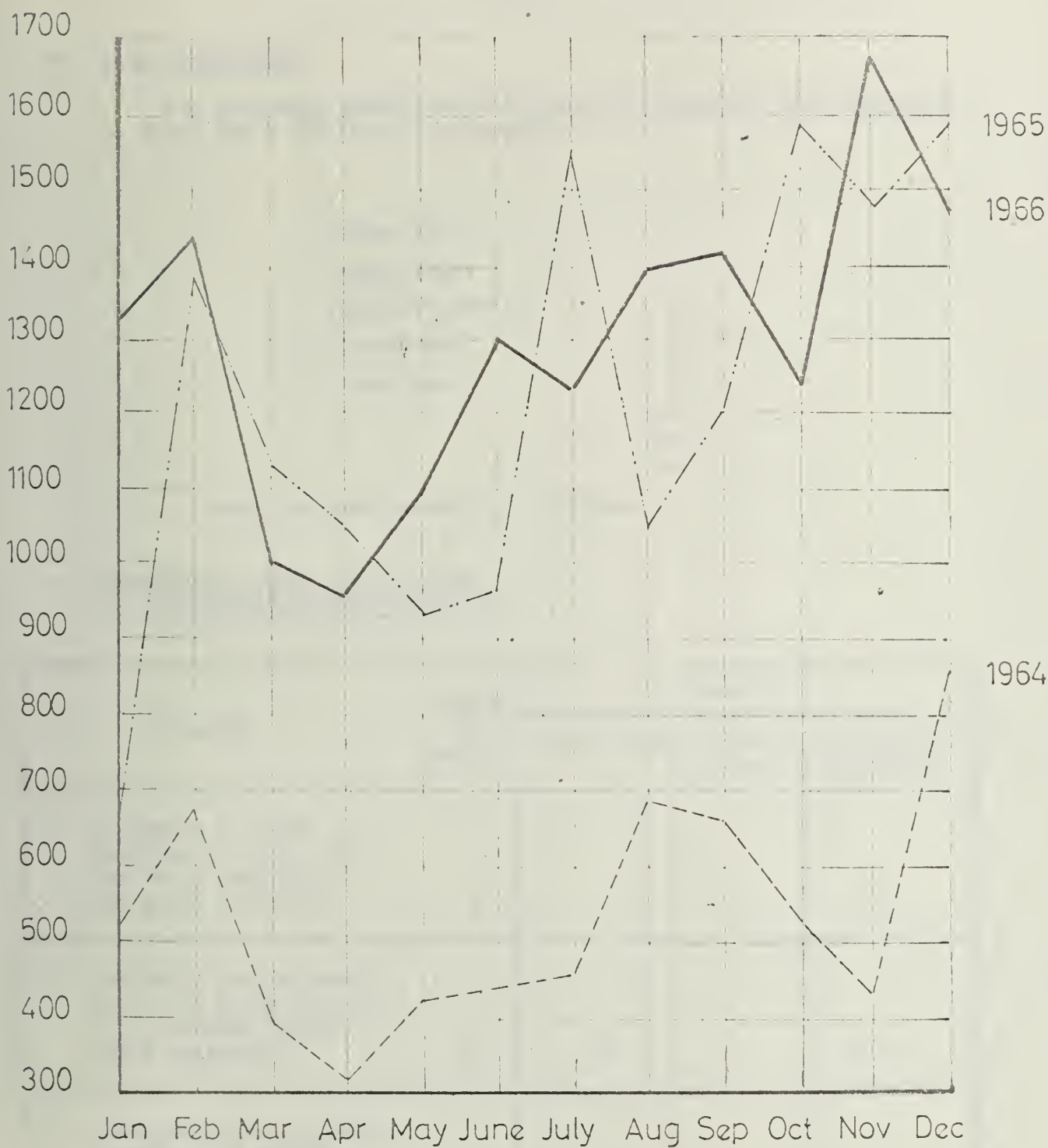
Total weight of meat condemned : 4,120 lbs.

TOTAL KILLINGS

(Including cattle, calves, sheep and pigs)

1952	..	..	..	..	8,072
1953	..	..	..	..	8,483
1954	..	..	..	..	9,230
1955	..	..	..	..	6,310
1956	..	..	..	..	5,603
1957	..	..	..	..	5,900
1958	..	..	..	..	5,759
1959	5,024
1960	5,454
1961	5,204
1962	6,213
1963	6,237
1964	6,415
1965	14,437
1966	14,980

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20. FOOD INSPECTION

The following quantities and types of foodstuffs were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption.

Canned Fish	..	..	16
Canned Fruit	..	..	127
Canned Vegetables	..	..	25
Canned Meat	..	..	90
Other Foods	.	..	21
			<u>279</u>

Meat and meat products 114 lbs.

21. FACTORIES ACTS, 1947 to 1959
1. Inspections during the year

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	2	6	2	Nil
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	31	31	-	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers Premises)	2	9	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	35	46	2	Nil

Defects

Particulars (1)			Number of cases in which defects were found		
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

OUTWORK

There is one outworker in the Borough, engaged in making up knitted garments. Conditions at these premises, i.e. the person's residence were found to be satisfactory.

22. PUBLIC HEALTH

Inspection and Visits

The total number of inspections and visits on various public health matters during the year 1966 was 1511. Details are as follows:-

(a) Housing Act, 1936

Inspection of dwellings	57
Inspection of Overcrowding	2
Inspection of Housing applicants ..	12

(b) Public Health Act, 1936

Inspection of dwellings	60
Inspection of movable dwellings ..	4
Inspection of water supply	8
Inspection of drainage works	90
Inspection of defective cesspools ..	1
Inspection of ditches and watercourses	5
Visits and Enquiries regarding Infectious illness	14
Number of rooms disinfected	10
Visits regarding Pests (Flies and Beetles)	20

(c) Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Inspection of Bakehouses	14
Inspection of Butchers' Shops ..	20
Inspection of Cafes and Restaurants	15
Inspections of Dairies and Milkshops	7
Inspection of Fishmongers	2
Inspections of Ice Cream Dealers ..	12
Inspections of Licensed Premises ..	11
Inspections of Other Food Premises	40
Visits to Slaughterhouse	872
Visits to inspect unsound food ..	83

(d) Factories Act 1937

Inspections of Factories with power	28
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(e) Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928

Inspection of Petroleum Installations	24
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(f) Other visits not classified

1,511

Inspection of Dwelling Houses During the Year

(a)	The total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Act)	35
(b)	The number of inspections made for the purpose	61
(c)	Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	17

Housing Acts 1925 - 1964

(a)	The number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	15
(b)	The number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers	24
(c)	The number of representations made to the Local Authority with view to:	
	(i) The serving of notices requiring the execution of works	Nil
	(ii) The making of demolition or closing orders	Nil
(d)	The number of notices served requiring the execution of works	27
(e)	The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	27
(f)	The number of demolition or closing orders	Nil
(g)	The number of houses demolished	Nil

23. MILK SUPPLIES - Brucella Abortus

(i)	Number of samples of raw milk examined	Nil
(ii)	Number of positive samples found	Nil
(iii)	Action taken in respect of positive samples	Nil

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